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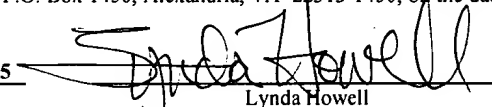


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Nick Andrew Van Stralen et al.  
  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
TIME-DOMAIN MULTIPLEXED  
COMMUNICATION IN  
ULTRASOUND APPLICATIONS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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Dear Sir:

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